

## **In the Claims:**

Amend claims 1-6.

1. (Currently amended). A measuring device (1; 21; 33) for controlling an installation torque of a fastening element (4; 32) and securable to engagement means (3; 35) of the fastening element (4; 32), the measuring device (1; 21; 33) comprising indicator means (5; 24) for a visual display of the installation torque; a plurality of microcapsules filled with a dispersible color ~~die dye~~ and supported on the indicator means (5; 24); ~~[[a]] at least partially transparent[[,]] at least regionwise[[,]]~~ covering (7.1; 7.2; 22) provided on an outer surface of the indicator means (5; 24)~~[[,]] the indicator means (5, 24) being visible through a transparent region of the covering;~~ and an opening (27) through which a fastening element (4; 32) can extend.

2. (Currently amended). A measuring device according to Claim 1, wherein the ~~transparent~~ covering (22) has at least one capillary slot (25.1-25.8) provided in the transparent region of the covering.

3. (Currently amended). A measuring device according to Claim 1, further comprising a washer (2; 34), the indicator means (5; 24) being located between the washer (2; 34) and the ~~transparent~~ covering (7.1; 7.2; 22).

4. (Currently amended). A measuring device according to Claim 1, wherein the plurality of microcapsules comprises at least two types of microcapsules filled with different color ~~dies~~ dyes, and wherein a microcapsule of a first type breaks under a smaller load than a microcapsule of a second type.

5. (Currently amended). A measuring device according to Claim 1, wherein the plurality of microcapsules is filled with a fluorescent color ~~die~~ dye.

6. (Currently amended). A fastening system, comprising a fastening element (32); and a measuring device (33) having an opening (27) through which the fastening element (33) is extendable, indicator means (5; 24) for a visual display of an installation torque, a plurality of microcapsules filled with a dispersible color die and supported on the indicator means (5; 24), and [[a]] at least partially transparent at least regionwise covering (7.1, 7.2; 22) provided on an outer surface of the indicator means (5; 24), the indicator means being visible through a transparent region of the covering.